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maps, one showing the distribution of resources and the other the telegraph system. The economic map is especially informing, but is most crudely produced. It might better have been used to supply the data for a good map. Neither map shows the Bay Islands, though they are one of the chief sources of export fruit.

La Nouvelle Zélande. By the Count de Courte. vii and 268 pp., and 85 photographs. Hachette & Co., Paris, 1904.

The author has been the French Consul in New Zealand. He is in love with the country in most of its aspects; describes the islands and their development with enthusiasm and in a manner that sustains interest, shows many fine photographs of land and people, and also a black map that is too small to serve the needs of careful readers of so large a book. His work is essentially popular, but the author aims, with a good degree of success, to convey accurate impressions of the Maoris, the white colonists, their various interests, and the geographic environment. Few works on New Zealand have been so copiously and beautifully illustrated.

Die Entwicklung Japans in den letzten fünfzig Jahren. By Otfried Nippold. 42 pp. K. J. Wyss, Bern, 1904.

A lecture delivered before the Bern Geographical Society, in which the writer gives the facts of largest significance in the wonderful development of Japan, and emphasizes the idea that in spite of the Occidental science they have superficially acquired, or really assimilated, the Japanese remain through and through an Oriental people.

Italy from the Alps to Naples: Handbook for Travelers. By Karl Baedeker. xlii and 424 pp., 26 maps, 44 plans, and index. Karl Baedeker, Leipzig, 1904.

This guide-book has been compiled from the three detailed Baedeker volumes for Northern, Central and Southern Italy. It is designed for the use of travellers who have only four or five weeks to spend and wish to give most of their time to the attractions of Rome and Naples. The most conspicuous towns and parts of the country, famous for scenic or other attractions, are described at length, while the features of other districts are more summarily treated.

Richesses Minérales des Possessions Russes en Asie Centrale. A Report to the French Ministry of Public Instruction. By E.-D. Levat. 174 pp., 5 maps, and appendices. Vve. Ch. Dunod, Paris, 1903.

The author, who is a mining engineer, was in charge of the mis-